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1.

8 and 24 August 1950 the following troop trains:

Number of cars:

Nine boxcars, 25 flatcars

Twelve boxcars and 14 flatcars

Eleven boxcars and 17 flatcars

Six boxcars and 14 flatcars

Eight boxcars and 18 flatcars

Seven boxcars and 6 flatcars

Nineteen boxcars and 34 flatcars

Eight boxcars and 23 flatcars

Eleven boxcars and 27 flatcars

Eleven boxcars and 24 flatcars

From-To and Date:Jueterbog to Altengrabow  
8 August (1)Jueterbog to Magdeburg  
13 AugustDoeberitz to Luckenwalde  
13 August (2)Doeberitz to Luckenwalde  
15 August (2)Luckenwalde to Doeberitz  
17 August (2)Jueterbog to Colbitz  
19 August (3)Luckenwalde to Neubukow  
19 August (4)Jueterbog to Neubukow  
19 August (4)Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde  
20 August (5)Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde  
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2Four boxcars and 13 flatcars  
Shuttle-train [ ]Vohlmirstedt to Satskorn  
21 August (3)

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Twenty boxcars and 11 flatcars

Potsdam to Neubukow  
22 August (6)

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About nineteen 85-mm AA guns  
and about 25 trucks, including  
trucks [ ][ ] were loaded in  
Potsdam.Thirteen boxcars and 13 flatcars  
Shuttle-train [ ]Satzkorn to Vohlmirstedt  
24 August (3)

2.

10 and 13 August 1950 [ ] the following troop trains:

Number of cars:From-To and Date:Six boxcars, 8 converted boxcars,  
and 25 flatcars [ ]Neubukow to Fuerstenwalde  
10 August (7)Eight boxcars, 11 converted boxcars  
and 14 flatcars [ ]Kroepelin to Chemnitz  
10 August (8)Ten boxcars, 5 converted boxcars  
and 32 flatcars [ ]Neubukow to Fuerstenwalde  
11 August (7)Four boxcars, 11 converted boxcars  
and 19 flatcars [ ]Kroepelin to Magdeburg-  
Friedrichstadt  
11 August (9)

Seven boxcars and 13 flatcars [ ]

**Kroepelin to Magdeburg-  
Friedrichstadt**  
12 August (9)Four boxcars, 19 converted boxcars  
and 28 flatcars [ ]Neubukow to Ohrdruf  
13 August (10)Four boxcars, 3 converted boxcars  
and 10 flatcars [ ]Neubukow to Seitz  
13 August (11)

3.

A train without an engine was standing at the Cottbus railroad  
station on 21 August 1950. It was composed of six boxcars occupied  
by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined  
number of flatcars carrying about 20 trucks, [ ]  
[ ] and twelve artillery pieces of about 120 mm  
caliber. (12)

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4.

On 21 August 1950, a train without an engine was observed at the  
Neubrandenburg railroad station carrying soldiers with red-bordered  
black epaulets in three boxcars, eight 50 to 60-mm AA guns and about  
30 trucks [ ] Truck [ ] was  
identified. (13)

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5. A south-bound troop train left the Eberswalde railroad station on 21 August 1950. It consisted of 19 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 10 guns of about 50 mm caliber. 25 trucks and passenger car [redacted]  
About 10 trucks [redacted] 8 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and about 7 trucks [redacted]  
Trucks [redacted] were identified. (13)

6. On 21 August 1950 an artillery unit coming from the direction of Kleistow passed through Glindow toward Potsdam. It consisted of seven artillery pieces of about 150 mm caliber, towed by prime movers [redacted]

[redacted] and four trucks [redacted]  
each occupied by 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. (14) 50X1-HUM

7. A train carrying twelve 37-mm AA guns, seven trucks and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets in 14 boxcars passed through the Wittenberge railroad station on 23 August 1950. The train came from the direction of Magdeburg and headed toward Schwerin. Trucks [redacted]

(15)

8. A south-bound troop train passed through Wittstock on 23 August 1950. The cars to the rear carried 10 guns and 15 trucks [redacted]

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9. Six gondola cars loaded with coal went from Brieske to Berlin-Rummelsburg on 24 August 1950. The consignee was Lieutenant Colonel Volkov, (fnu), of the Karlshorst Kech office, SCC. (17)

10. More than 100 trucks, each occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers with field equipment, left Wismar toward Schwerin and Gadebusch on 28 August 1950. Some of the trucks were towing AT guns. The following motor vehicle [redacted] were seen:

(18)

Comments:

(1)

- (2) Compare with a similar shipment from Dellgow to Luckenwalde on 23 August 1950. [redacted]

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- (3) The Golbitz and Wolmirstedt railroad stations are on the southeastern edge of Letzling Heath. [redacted]

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- (4) Presumably carrying elements of the AAA Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

- (5) Possibly trains carrying components of the 9th Gds Tank Div.

- (6) Loading of a component of the 2d Gds AAA Div which presumably was to go to the Wustrow AAA range.

- (7) Since the trains were bound for Fuerstenwalde they presumably carried elements of the AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which returned to their home station from the Wustrow AAA range. [redacted]

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- (8) Probably an element of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th Gds, of the GOFG.

- (9) Probably units of the 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army since they were bound for Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt.

- (10) Probably an AA element of either the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div or the 20th Gds Mecz Div of the Eighth Gds Army which are holding their summer maneuvers at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. [redacted]

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- (11) Motor vehicle [redacted] have often been observed in the Infanterie Kaserne, Zeitz, in connection with AA guns. [redacted] The train, however, probably carried an element of the AAA unit in Zeitz.

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- (12) An artillery unit of the 9th Mecz Div according to the motor vehicle [redacted]

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- (13) An element of the AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, according to the motor vehicle [redacted]

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- (14) An artillery unit of the unidentified Arty Div of the IV Arty Corps which is stationed in the Potsdam area.

- (15) An AAA component of the 18th Mecz Div according to the motor vehicle [redacted] The train may have gone to the Wustrow AAA range via Schwerin. Its station of departure was not known.

- (16) [redacted] the 18th Mecz Div which has been assumed to be in the Schweinrich-Wittstock maneuver area. [redacted]

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It is not known whether only one element of the division was concerned or whether more elements followed.

- (17) Volkov presumably was Lieutenant Colonel Sergei Ivanovich Volkov. According to the Soviet press he was awarded a medal for excellent performance of duty when serving with the SMA in June 1948. [redacted]

(18)

[redacted] the Third Shock Army [redacted] assignment has not been determined. The troops presumably went to the Gadebusch area, west of Schwerin, for field exercises, where maneuvers of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were held in 1949. No similar movements have previously been observed this year.

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